

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Newly-added Claims 104 is supported by the specification. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 69-104 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Bertoglio for the helpful and courteous discussion held with their representative on June 10, 2009. During the discussion, the enablement and new matter rejections were discussed. The following remarks expand on the discussion with the Examiner.

The rejection of the claims for new matter is respectfully traversed. As discussed with the Examiner, complete depletion of ovarian primordial follicles is described in the specification at page 12, lines 13-14, "...histological evaluation reveals a complete absence of primordial follicles." This result is also reported in the Examples, see page 20, lines 19-20.

In view of the foregoing, the specification as filed describes complete depletion of ovarian primordial follicles. Accordingly, the claims do not introduce new matter. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, enablement, is respectfully traversed. As the Examiner pointed out during the personal discussion, it would be a matter of routine experimentation to determine dosing parameters with the scope of the claims to achieve complete depletion of ovarian primordial follicles. Accordingly, the claims are enabled. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The objection to Claims 86 and 91 is respectfully traversed. The scope of those claims is different. Claim 86 is directed to a single animal where Claim 91 is directed to a population. Thus, it is possible to infringe Claim 86 without infringing Claim 91. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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